

From: [Irizarry, Gilberto](#)
To: [Stanton, Larry](#)
Subject: Re: HOTSITE REPORT: Freedom Industries, Charleston, WV
Date: Thursday, January 09, 2014 10:02:34 PM

Yep! That's what I told Dave. I advised him to be ready to pull information on the facility and have their water folks ready to gather details on water intakes, etc to be in a good position to promptly address any incoming questions.

Also, just heard from our WO that FEMA is looking to have a technical person from R3 deployed to the Philly RRCC to help with technical matters. Our WO is assisting with getting the FEMA folks and EPA R3 folks connected. Not sure why, but we got the call and request here in HQ as oppose to it going directly to R3.

Thanks,

Tito

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From: Stanton, Larry
Sent: Thursday, January 9, 2014 9:54 PM
To: Irizarry, Gilberto
Subject: Re: HOTSITE REPORT: Freedom Industries, Charleston, WV

Yes, that's the idea. To be ready to do so if needed. I saw some stuff in the local paper, not sure of accuracy. R3 needs to monitor and be ready to assist where needed, not only as requested.

From: Irizarry, Gilberto
Sent: Thursday, January 09, 2014 9:25:58 PM
To: Stanton, Larry; Tulis, Dana
Cc: Eoc, Epahq
Subject: Re: HOTSITE REPORT: Freedom Industries, Charleston, WV
Larry:

Given that we (EPA) are not currently involved in the situation, not sure about the posture of issuing a health advisory for the WV media, but I'll call Dave Wright and will alert him of the WH attention and will advise him that the region and their media office (ie., water) should be proactive...

Thanks,

Tito

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Let's make sure R3 is doing a health advisory for release to WV news media. Boiling water will not help with this chem.

From: Irizarry, Gilberto
Sent: Thursday, January 09, 2014 9:01:27 PM
To: Stanislaus, Mathy; Breen, Barry; Stanton, Larry; Tulis, Dana
Cc: Fine, Ellyn; Eoc, Epahq
Subject: Fw: HOTSITE REPORT: Freedom Industries, Charleston, WV
Mathy and Barry:

See below the report from R3 on the subject. Our EOC WO will turn this information into an EOC Spot Report and will transmit to our distro. The WO will also continue to monitor and issue updates as appropriate.

Thanks,

Tito

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From: Burns, Francis
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To: R3 HOTSITES

Subject: HOTSITE REPORT: Freedom Industries, Charleston, WV

This afternoon there was a chemical spill from Freedom Industries, which is the old Pennzoil Refinery. The spilled chemical was methylcyclohexane, which is used in coal preparation and processing. Spill into the ELK River occurred sometime earlier in the day and there was an early report of an odor. The Gov of WV declared a state of emergency for at least five counties. The Kanawha Valley Water Treatment Plant detected the chemical even after the increased carbon treatment effort.

WV issued an order to not drink cook or bathe in the water, which affects approximately 100,000 people. WV is conducting additional water sampling. The Civil Support Team is also deployed to the WVEOC to assist in supplying water to residents. The WV EOC is operational but have not requested EPA assistance. OSC Dennis Matlock has contacted WV DEP Mike Dorsey and offered EPA assistance.